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## Department of the Navy Recognizes Acquisition Reform Successes, Seeks to Spread Knowledge

Today, somewhere in the Department of the Navy, whether it's in a program office, in a shipyard, or at-sea, an individual is working on a way to do things better, cheaper, and faster. No matter the pay grade or rank, whether from a sailor or Marine, engineer or administrative assistant, manager or designer, one of the goals of the Department of the Navy's Acquisition Reform Office (ARO) is to make sure that these ideas are heard. The ARO seeks to foster innovation and creativity by providing a forum where the workforce can share and develop ideas together.

### Success Stories Unveiled

The Department of the Navy will shine a spotlight on some of its most recent success stories at the Change Through Ex-Change Conference, or CTEX, on June 7, 1999, during the Department of Defense Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week. The conference is designed to promote and share ideas across Systems Commands and Program Offices throughout the Department of the Navy. Its objective, just as its name implies, is to change the acquisition landscape by exchanging new, innovative ideas and processes.

Ms. Eileen Roberson, Department of the Navy Acquisition Reform Executive (ARE) is the senior leader of the Navy/Marine Corps team charged with focusing on fundamental change. Ms. Roberson explains, "By publicizing the 'best of the best' across the community, we will improve our effectiveness and help the acquisition and logistics workforces align with Dr. Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition's strategic goals. The annual CTEX conference is one step towards attaining our goals as we enter the next century. Our challenge is to accelerate the revolution."

### Enjoy a Ringside Seat at your own PC

The event will be broadcast live via the web and satellite to enable the widest possible audience. Visit the ARO web site

<http://www.acq-ref.navy.mil> for details.

### CTEX Conference

The CTEX Conference will have three panels: Acquisition Reform, Logistics Reform, and Department of the Navy Success Stories. Members of the panels include a representative from the Marine Corps' Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) Team—winner of the 1999 David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award joined by representatives from Department of the Navy teams who were winners of the Defense Acquisition Executive Certificate of Achievement. These programs are being recognized for their demonstrated success in implementing acquisition and logistics reform.

#### David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award

- Marine Corps' AAV Reliability, Availability, Maintainability/Rebuild-to-Standard Team

#### DAE Certificate of Achievement Winners

- V-22 Engine Commercial Procurement and Support Team
- Harbor Craft Privatization Initiatives Team
- Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion Team
- MK 46 and MK 54 Torpedo Asset Exchange Program Team
- T45TS Business, Cost Estimating, and Financial Management Team
- Naval Regional Contracting Center Bahrain Fleet Support Team
- Joint Stand-Off Weapon Team

### Challenge for the Future

Ms. Roberson emphasizes the need for all to get involved, saying, "The success of Acquisition and Logistics Reform lies in the hands of our very capable workforce. As we empower them and arm them with the knowledge of how others have succeeded in implementing Acquisition Reform, we are laying the groundwork for future success."

The Change Through Ex-Change Conference will be held at the Marriott Crystal City Forum, Arlington, VA, from 0845-1200. Members throughout the Navy/Marine Corps acquisition work force will join invited dignitaries and senior leaders from Department of the Navy commands for what will likely be spirited discussions.